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Report of the Secretary-General

1. At its fifty-third session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 53/62 of 3 December 1998 concerning the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations. In paragraph 16 of that resolution, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to continue to assist the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system in working out appropriate measures for implementing the relevant resolutions of the United Nations and to prepare for submission to the relevant bodies, with the assistance of those agencies and organizations, a report on the action taken in implementation of the relevant resolutions, including resolution 53/62, since the circulation of his previous report.

2. In a letter dated 26 March 1999, the Secretary-General brought the text of the resolution to the attention of the executive heads of the following specialized agencies and international institutions forming part of or associated with the United Nations and invited them to submit the information requested for inclusion in the report referred to in the above paragraph:

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United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)

International Labour Organization (ILO)

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

World Health Organization (WHO)

World Bank

International Monetary Fund (IMF)

Universal Postal Union (UPU)

International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

International Maritime Organization (IMO)

World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

World Trade Organization (WTO)

Caribbean Community (CARICOM)

League of Arab States (LAS)

Organization of African Unity (OAU)

Organization of American States (OAS)

Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)

Division for Transnational Corporations and Investment (UNCTAD/DTCI)

Caribbean Development Bank (CDB)

South Pacific Forum

3. Summaries of the replies received from the international organizations concerned in response to the above-mentioned letter will be given in document E/1999/69.

4. Summaries of additional replies received, together with such further information as may become available on relevant activities undertaken by the organizations concerned during the year, will be circulated in addenda to the present report.

5. In addition, the Secretary-General transmitted the text of the resolution to the various departments and other units of the Secretariat. Information received in that regard will also be circulated in addenda to the present report.